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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT TACOMA

9 RANDY SMITH,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 SCOTT FRAKES,

13 Respondent.

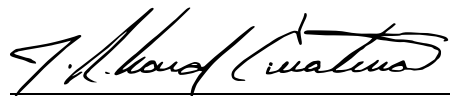
CASE NO. C12-5197-BHS-JRC

ORDER GRANTING IN FORMA
PAUPERIS

14 The petitioner in this action is seeking habeas corpus relief from state convictions and
15 sentences. He is entitled to in forma pauperis status. This case has been referred to the
16 undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 636 (b) (1) (A) and (B) and Local
17 Magistrate Judge Rules MJR 3 and MJR 4.

18 Petitioner's application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, (ECF No. 1 AND 3), is
19 **GRANTED.** Petitioner does not appear to have access to funds to afford the \$5.00 filing fee.
20 The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to petitioner.

21 Dated this 16th day of March, 2012.

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23 J. Richard Creatura
24 United States Magistrate Judge